GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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LOSS OF FOODGRAINS IN STORAGE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government loses huge quantities of foodgrains due to poor methods and techniques practiced during the pre and post harvest times, and also due to the poor storage facilities in our country;

(b) if so, the details of the total loss occurred during the pre-harvest, post-harvest, Transportation of foodgrains and storage of foodgrain;

(c) whether the Government have been monitoring the functioning of the various storage godowns of FCI, Central Warehouse Corporation, etc;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the expenses incurred for the storage of foodgrains in the last three years, Year-wise, State-wise. The expenses incurred in storing one tonne of foodgrain and the total capacity of all the FCI and CWC godowns in the country, organisation-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): No, Sir. Foodgrains are stored in the Food Corporation of India`s (FCI) godowns inscientific manner and regular prophylactic and curative treatments are carried out to protect the stored grains from insects and pests.

(b): Does not arise. However, some losses generally occur during storage and transportation due to moisture loss, multiple handling, spillage etc. The transit and storage losses incurred by FCI during last three years are as under :

(Quantity in lakhs MT)

Year	Transit loss		Storage loss	
	Quantity	Percentage	Quantity	Percentage
1998-99	2.66	1.17	1.51	0.40
1999-00	2.89	1.13	1.60	0.32
2000-01	1.84	0.86	2.24	0.57

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Regular and also surprise inspections to check the quality of foodgrains as well as storage conditions prevailing in the godowns of FCI and CentralWarehousing Corporation are carried out by the FC Iofficers and Quality Control Officers of the Government.

(e): Yearwise expenses incurred for storing the foodgrains during the last three years are as under :

Year	Total amount in Rs. (Crores)		Rate per tonne per year (Rs.)	
	On capacity	On stock		

1999-00

(provisional) 794.61 326.40 432.00
2000-01

(Provisional) 950.00 336.00 385.20
2001-02 (RE) 1410.00 421.20 446.40

The total covered storage capacity available with FCI and CWC (owned and hired) is 27.90 and 744 million MTs. respectively.